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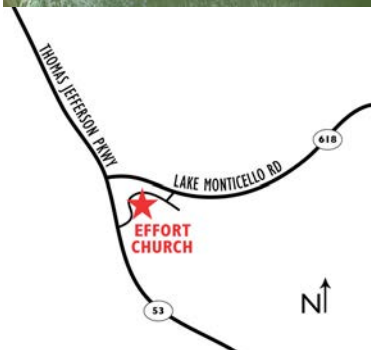
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Fluvanna School Superintendent Chuck Winkler retiring

BY RUTHANN CARR
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County Public School Superintendent Chuck Winkler said he planned to retire June 30.

Winkler made the announcement at the Board meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The Board appointed Winkler as superintendent on April 24, 2017. His contract is up in June 2021.

Winkler served as assistant superintendent under Gena Keller since Aug. 2011.

Before announcing his retirement, Winkler read a statement he wrote in support of the FCPS Antiracism and Equity Statement.

He said there was no doubt there are racial inequities in the schools and he thanked the task force for the hard work they put into crafting the statement.

"It's a good start. I fully support this statement and will do everything I can to eliminate racism," he said. "I realize this is a difficult job but we can do it. We must do it."

At the start of the meeting several parents, student athletes and coaches

made statements about the unfairness of singling out wrestling as the one winter sport that couldn't be played.

Many of the athletes said they'd been training for weeks and were devastated when they heard that in the November Board meeting the Board questioned the safety of allowing wrestlers to compete.

Wrestler Shawn Metcalf said putting a stop to wrestling would be a "tragedy."

Aiden Valentine, a sophomore wrestler, asked the Board to reconsider their decision.

"We just want to wrestle... (Not wrestling) will have a devastating effect..." he said. "A wrestling match is only five minutes long. I have friends who have wrestled throughout the year and none of them have gotten COVID."

Wrestler Austin Moore asked the Board to "give us a chance to show we

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can follow the guidelines.

Board member James Kelly (Palmyra) asked the Board to consider voting on the matter right away so the assembled students and parents could have an answer before they leave.

After a lengthy discussion, Andrew Pullen (Columbia) made a motion to allow wrestling to continue along with the other winter sports.

The motion passed 3-2. Pullen, Shirley Stewart (Rivanna) and Charles Rittenhouse (Cunningham) voted in

favor.

Kelly and Perrie Johnson (Fork Union) voted against.

Kelly suggested since the positive cases of COVID-19 continue to rise throughout the United States and in Fluvanna, the first week back from winter break students should attend 100 percent virtual.

He made a motion to that affect.

A long discussion ensued.

In the end, the vote on the motion was 2-2. In a tie, the motion moves to the next meeting, which rendered it moot. Rittenhouse had left the meeting before the vote.

Letters to the Editor

Registrar staff did their best

As we wind down the recent election, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many friends and neighbors who took their time to acknowledge the hardworking and dedicated staff at the registrar's office. This election was different in so many ways that we literally had no idea what to expect and could only take it one day at a time. The long lines, long hours, many questions and phone calls from the community kept us busy during a very stressful time!

All of the many kind words and community friends who brought us lunch, treats and just offered a thank you were so appreciated by the staff and meant so much to us as we did our best to provide Fluvanna County with a safe well-run election! Happy Holidays to all!

-Joyce Pace, registrar

Overturing election results rebuked

After vague allegations with little or no proof, Trump's attempts to overturn the presidential election results have been rebuked. "Voters, not lawyers, choose the President. Ballots, not briefs, decide elections," wrote Judge Stephanos Bibas for the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals in Pennsylvania. This will allow the electoral college on Dec. 14 to confirm Joe Biden as president elect with 306 Electoral College votes. Hopefully, Trump's effort to undermine confidence in the election will have finally ended.

But what's next? Investigations into Trump's alleged falsification of the value of his assets in order to obtain bank loans continue. New York District Attorney Cyrus Vance is looking into the Trump organization's possible insurance and bank fraud. William Consovoy, Trump's lawyer, has tried to block the release of those records. But the Supreme Court ruled in July that Trump must comply with the subpoena. John Roberts wrote for the majority decision, "No citizen, not even the President, is categorically above the common duty to produce evidence when called upon in a criminal proceeding."

Clearly President Trump has many options in the coming year. And much like University of Virginia political prognosticator Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball, mine also predicts significant events pertaining to presidential personalities. I see former president Trump camped out in his REI tent on the south lawn of the White House after rejecting both a Rush Limbaugh-like talk radio gig and a reality TV series. Donald Jr., Ivanka and Jared Kushner have long since departed for the United Arab Emirates (which has no extradition treaty with the United States). This means Trump must depend on crowds of loyal followers who line up daily outside the 13-foot metal fence. His fans drop Big Macs and fresh underwear from homemade drones. Soon White House canines, Major and Champ, start intercepting the airborne burgers and Trump's weight drops considerably much like a hibernating bear.

But on Groundhog Day Bob Woodward will discover that it's all a hoax, only a man in a fat suit impersonating Trump. The real Trump has vanished like a thief in the night and the American electorate is just fine with it.

-Julius Neelley, Lake Monticello

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BY RUDY GARCIA, OWNER, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

14 Year-End Tax Tips – Part 2

As we promised two weeks ago, here are the last 7 of our year-end Tax Tips. We hope you find them useful. If you want all the tips in one article, please email us at info@rwftaxservices.com and we will be happy to send it to you!

8. Set up self-employed retirement plan before December 31. If you're self-employed and you want to make a contribution to a Keogh or similar plan, the plan must be adopted before year-end, even though you have until the April tax filing deadline (or later if you get a filing extension) to make a deductible contribution for the previous year.

9. If necessary, adjust your income tax withholding before year-end to avoid underpayment penalties. Withheld taxes are considered paid in equal amounts during the year regardless of when the tax is withheld. Therefore, a year-end adjustment to your withholding could help you avoid a penalty.

10. Consider your marital status. If planning a wedding or divorce, be aware that your marital status as of December 31 determines your tax status for the whole year. Changing the dates of a year-end event may save taxes.

11. Offset capital gains. Review your investment portfolio to determine whether you should sell some losers before year-end in order to offset capital gains you've already realized. Capital losses are first netted with capital gains

and then are deductible against ordinary income (limited to \$3,000 a year).

12. Check exposure to the AMT. If you have tax preference items, do an alternative minimum tax (AMT) computation when you do your regular tax estimate. If the AMT will apply to you, you may still be able to shift income or deductions to avoid or reduce the tax.

13. Plan for losses. Check your basis in any S corporation in which you are a shareholder and where you expect a loss this year. Be sure you have sufficient basis to enable you to take the loss on your tax return.

14. Look before you leap. A word of caution about year-end tax-cutting maneuvers: don't rush into transactions which you hope will reduce your tax bill only to find out you've created other problems. Do not enter into transactions solely for the tax benefits. All investments should be economically sound. There are those who will sell you so-called "tax" solutions. Analyze such options carefully.

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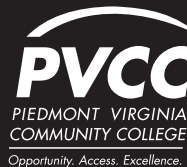
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Fluvanna Economic Development Authority Partners with Community Investment Collaborative, for Minority Owned Business Scholarships

Curtis Putnam & Rudy Garcia Fluvanna Economic Development Authority

The Fluvanna County Economic Development Authority (EDA) received a Community Recovery and Catalyst Grant from CACF, to assist Fluvanna Minority Business entrepreneurs and owners in growing their businesses. The EDA has partnered with the Community Investment Collaborative (CIC) to provide up to 10 scholarships, and other assistance to qualified minority start-ups/businesses in Fluvanna County.

Registrations are currently open for the next class of CIC which begins in February. The deadline for application is January 4, 2021. Need based scholarships are available through CIC with the EDA reimbursing for additional costs for tuition.

If you are a minority business entrepreneur or owner and would like to be considered for an EDA **Forward Fluvanna** scholarship, please contact Curtis Putnam at 434-906-8400, email: curtisputnam@hotmail.com

More information on the program at: <https://cicville.org/entrepreneur-workshop/>. You can pre-register at: <https://cicville.org/apply-for-workshop/>.

Over the past number of years over 30 Fluvanna County Entrepreneurs have completed this very helpful course. Here is a snapshot of the impact CIC has had on Fluvanna County:

- 31 clients (29 workshop graduates, 2 non graduate borrowers)
- 23 potential new businesses
- 8 existing businesses
- 15 operating businesses
- 10 new businesses opened
- 7 new businesses continue to operate (3 closed)

- 8 existing businesses continue to operate
- An estimated 21 jobs exist within these businesses, not counting seasonal employment.
- 8 jobs were created among these businesses post CIC assistance.

• **Education** - CIC runs a 16-week entrepreneur workshop that helps entrepreneurs develop new businesses or grow existing ventures. The workshop meets online through Zoom once a week for 16 weeks and assists clients with learning how to evaluate the viability of their business and learning the basics of running a business. The workshop runs twice per year and has a maximum of 32 entrepreneurs in each cohort.

• **Mentoring & Technical Assistance** - CIC provides ongoing mentoring and technical assistance. Providing staff supported 1 on 1 technical assistance to clients who have completed the workshop (337 in the last 7 years) and offers a formal mentoring program where we leverage the volunteer support of local business owners and experts to assist entrepreneurs as they take the next steps in their businesses. CIC recently launched a Financial Management Program (FMP) to assist clients with developing stronger business recordkeeping habits and skills.

• **Microlending** - CIC operates a microloan fund. They have made \$665,000 in loans over the last seven years and the current loan fund is about \$350,000. To be eligible to apply for CIC loans, applicants must have 6 months of business history or be a graduate of the 16 week workshop.

• **Networking opportunities** - CIC offers advanced workshops, business support groups, free consultations with business service providers (attorneys, accountants, marketing etc.), entrepreneur showcases and other market access assistance to individuals who complete the workshop.

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Feeding Fluvanna began in 2017 by a group of people from Grace and Glory Lutheran Church. It is a county wide event to collect food and monetary donations to assist Fluvanna Christian Service Society (FCSS) and the Monticello Area Community Action Agency (MACAA), who work together to manage the local food bank based at the Carysbrook Complex. Our first year the project began simply enough: host a food drive to support our local food bank. As our team began discussing how to make it a success, our project quickly grew into a

community-wide event, bringing together 11 local churches eager to share our mission. Working side-by-side with other congregations and local civic groups that heard about our plan, we learned the true meaning of community. Many of us had neighbors in our county that needed help feeding their families and we were determined to help them out.

That first year, 2017, the event was an amazing success. We raised approximately \$1,300 and collected 2,000 lbs. of food donations. Our community enjoyed a day filled with good food, shopping among the many local vendors, games for the kids, a dunk tank (pastors and other likely candidates volunteered) and a chance to adopt a pet from several local animal rescues, raffles, and most important of all, the opportunity to come together as one community, helping each other.

Again in 2018 we repeated a one-day event at Grace and Glory. We raised around \$4,400 and collected 3,000 lbs. of food for the food bank! Once again coming together as a community was a fun-filled day.

In 2019 circumstances did not allow us to host another large scale event but

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with a month long food drive challenge by many congregations and food collection efforts hosted at local businesses we managed to collect 4,500 lbs. of food and \$3,500 in funds! The joy of working together and hosting vendors was sadly missing, but we met the challenge of hunger in Fluvanna County.

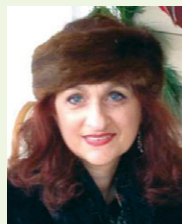
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HOW TO SOLVE:
Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:

9	6	4	8	5	1	2	3	7
7	2	8	3	6	4	9	1	5
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8	9	7	4	3	5	1	6	2

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 Gumbo veggie

5 Peter I, for one

9 Word said in grace

14 University V.I.P.

15 Hick

16 Jousting weapon

17 Moral decline

19 ___ of roses

20 Some are endangered

21 Pull a ___ (cheat)

23 Judge's issuance

25 Anagram of "mite"

26 Existence

29 Rocky, e.g.

33 Bank, at times

35 Put into words

36 Texter's chuckle

37 Bailiwick

38 Beautify

40 Corn Belt state

41 Drool catcher

42 College credit

43 Inspector of cartoons

45 African wildlife reserve

48 Bonnie's beau

49 Like some threats

50 Speak at length

52 "The Return of the King" king

55 Writer of satire

59 Place for a cookout

60 Without a doubt

62 Balances

63 "Pardon me..."

64 Char, as a steak

65 Grassy plant

66 Capone nemesis

67 Kind of palm

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DOWN

1 Gambler's concern

2 Stay fresh

3 Marathon, e.g.

4 Amazon snake

5 Cornered, in a way

6 Twilight sight

7 2, on an ATM

8 Coral ridge

9 Criticized severely

10 Second of two

11 Study of insects

12 Read a bar code

13 Drought-ridden

18 Funeral song

22 Under the weather

24 Tuscan dish

26 Spills the beans

27 Otherworldly

28 Drunk

30 Seasoned sailor

31 Made cattle sounds

32 Tickle pink

34 Elite soldier

39 Bite the dust

40 Inactivity

42 Set free

44 Stage presence?

46 Trim

47 Showy spring flowers

51 Wild callas, e.g.

52 Makes like

53 Carry on

54 Delhi bread

56 Inkling

57 Smelting waste

58 Novice

61 Ship's pronoun

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

M	A	R	C	H		A	F	T	A		M	I	F	F
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Fluvanna Faces: Nicole Allen

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Nicole Allen and family. Submitted photo.

Where do you live?

"Sycamore Landing, Troy, VA."

How long have you lived in Fluvanna County? What brought you here?

"12 years. Prior to this my husband and I lived in Baltimore County north of Baltimore. We were tired of driving down 95 into work and seeing nothing but concrete everywhere. When we would visit our friends in Crozet we hated leaving and always said we couldn't wait to come back down. Then one day we just said it was time and moved down here."

Tell us about your family.

"My husband's name is Steve; we have two boys Zachary (10) and Bennett (7). We also have two dogs Eutaw and Camden."

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

"I have wanted to be a nurse for as long as I could remember."

What was your very first job?

"My very first job was working for a preschool summer camp at the age of 12. My first real job was in high school working at a craft store and then in the hospital ED."

What do you do for a living?

"Although I am a nurse by trade, I work for the University of Virginia Health System as an electronic medical record (EMR) analyst. I with the software that allows doctors, nurses and healthcare workers to document on a patient's electronic chart."

What do you like to do in your spare time?

"I love to spend time with my husband and children. We enjoy the outdoors and going to wineries and breweries. I also enjoy working out every day."

What is one food that you could never live without? What is one you can never bring yourself to eat?

"Can't live without Twizzlers or chocolate and can never bring myself to eat snails."

If there was a zombie apocalypse, who are three people you would want on your team?

"The three people on my team are Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson, Bear Grylls, and Claire from Outlander."

What are your three favorite movies? Why?

"'The Princess Bride' - because it is fun to quote, 'Sweet Home Alabama' - because who doesn't love a good romantic comedy, and any Hallmark movie."

Which is better – a novel or a movie?

"A novel because you can use your imagination to picture the characters and scenes."

What fictional character do you wish you could meet and why?

"Claire from Outlander - because she is a nurse and women."

What is the best piece of advice you have received?

"It's a great day for ducks."

What pivotal decision helped to shape your life?

"When I said yes to a date with my now husband. We have been together for 21 years."

Tell us about a way you have changed over the years.

"I have tried to stop controlling too much in my life and take things as they come and enjoy the adventure."

What has surprised you about your life?

"How one small decision can affect so many other things."

What's one thing you hope to accomplish before you die?

"Travel to foreign lands."

Tell us about one of your regrets.

"I try to live my life without regrets, knowing that all my mistakes give me the chance to learn something new."

Tell us about your proudest moment.

"I am most proud of completing my Master's. As a working mom, I started a few times and it took a while to complete. This made it all the more worthwhile when I finally completed it."

Where is your favorite place to travel to?

"I love to go to the beach. I have a lot of great memories with my family and friends at the beach. It is both exciting and peaceful at the same time."

When you are having a bad day, what do you do to make yourself feel better?

"When I have a bad day I call my sister. It is great to hear her voice and she can always cheer me up."

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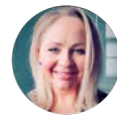


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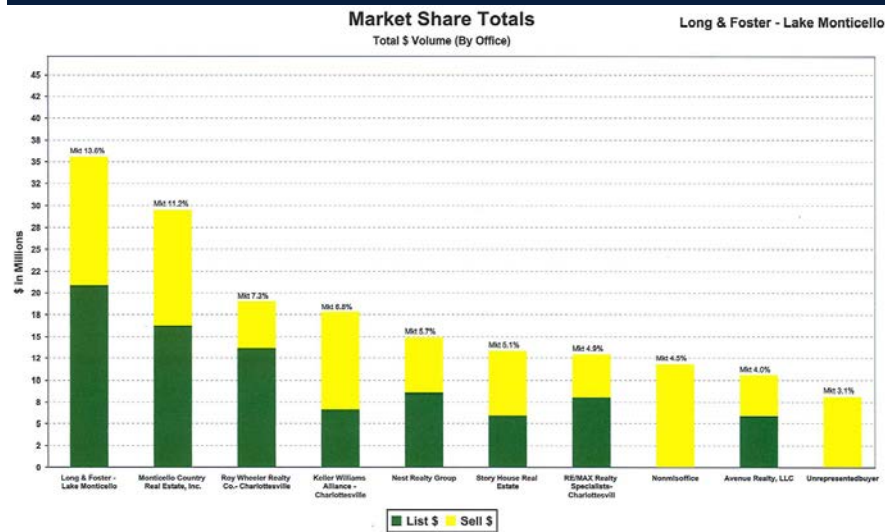


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